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Essen, January 1948.

A F F I D A V I T .

I,

Friedrich M u e l l e r ,

residing in Essen, Ginsterweg 10,

after having been cautioned that by making a false affidavit
I render myself liable to punishment hereby declare that my
statement is true and was made in order to be submitted as evidence
to the American Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Herr Karl Eberhardt was my direct superior as head of the
purchasing section of Krupp's department "Narrow Gage Field Rail-
roads". In my capacity as the elected trustee (Obmann) of the
employees of the 3 commercial offices (sales, price calculation
and purchasing offices of the Field Railroad Dept.) I very often
had occasion to submit - and frequently defend - justified requests
of the employees to the Chief of the Commercial Department or to
his deputy, Herr Eberhardt.

My membership in the Free Trade Unions was, of course,
also well known to Herr Eberhardt.

I left Krupp voluntarily in 1926 to earn an independent
living as violin teacher. When in the beginning of 1938 the ca-
tastrophic loss of pupils

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compelled me to look again for a position with Krupp, I asked Herr Eberhardt, now a deputy director, to intercede in my behalf with the personnel bureau. Herr Eberhardt did not hesitate to comply with my wishes and I was employed as an auditor in the purchasing department already in March 1930.

My opinion concerning the attitude of the Krupp directors toward National - Socialism is strikingly corroborated by the following incident: When on some particular occasion one of the directors was reproached for being a Party member, he replied: "Yes, but not voluntarily".

A few particulars concerning myself: As I was raised along strictly Christian lines, World War I already appeared to me to have been the greatest crime against humanity. This induced me to adjust my future conduct to the principles of social justice. For this reason I joined the Free Trade Unions. It was, however, only in 1930 that I found the path to true social justice, to Silvio Gesell and his "Freiwirtschaft" (Free Economic System). This great knowledge also rendered me immune to the virus of National-Socialism. Today I am again a Radical-Socialist.

(signed) Friedrich Mueller.

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for 1948.

I hereby certify the authenticity of the foregoing signature of
Herr Friedrich M u e l l e r , Essen, Ginsterweg 10, who identi-
fied himself by the presentation of his identity card for the
British Zone No. AQ 058695 AAC.

Essen, 7 January 1948.

(signed) Dr. Rust

Attorney-at-Law

Stamp:

Officially appointed Deputy
of the Notary Public

Dr. Walter Ballas
Notary Public in Essen.

Dr. Walter Ballas, Essen.

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The Deputy Notary Public

(signed) Dr. Rust